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SUBJECT:SEYMOUR HERSH STORY - DOMSAT

REF: JAKARTA 13984 (OCT 76)

1. WE BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THE JAN 25 NEW YORK TIMES
FRONT PAGE STORY QUOTE HUGHES AIRCRAFT FACES ALLEGATION
THAT IT USED BRIBERY IN INDONESIA UNQUOTE BY HERSH WHICH
IS CARRIED IN TODAY'S WIRELESS FILE.

2. FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR
TODAY'S DEPT'S NOON BRIEFING:

QUOTE:

QUESTION: WHAT DOES THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE KNOW ABOUT
THE ALLEGATION THAT HUGHES AIRCRAFT USED BRIBERY TO
SECURE A LARGE CONTRACT IN INDONESIA IN 1973-74?
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ANSWER: WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE THE ALLE-
GATION. IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR NORMAL COMMERCIAL
FUNCTIONS, MEMBERS OF THE JAKARTA EMBASSY STAFF WERE IN
TOUCH WITH VARIOUS REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN COMPANIES

RECORDS OF THOSE MEETINGS WHICH WE HAVE CHECKED DO NOT

SHOW THAT ALLEGATIONS OF IMPROPER PAYMENTS WERE MADE.

QUESTION: HOW ABOUT THE REFERENCE IN THE TIMES STORY TO CURRENT EMBASSY OFFICERS SAYING THAT IF PAYMENTS LIKE THESE CAME BACK TO INDONESIA IT WOULDN'T BE ALL THAT BAD SINCE THEY WOULD HELP DEVELOP THE COUNTRY?

ANSWER: OBVIOUSLY, THAT IS NOT AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, IF IT WAS MADE AT ALL. AS WE HAVE SAID ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, THE DEPARTMENT STRONGLY DEPLORES IMPROPER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES.

3. THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS REGARDING HERSH STORY AT TODAY'S NOON BRIEFING.
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